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PM and Daim to speak on way to economic recovery

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin are due to address matters in connection with the economic problems and the country's recovery next week at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton Hotel.

Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee yesterday said the Prime Minister would head an open dialogue with delegates on the last day of the "National congress on economic recovery: the way forward" and thereafter close the two-day forum which is scheduled for Oct 6-7.

Daim, who is also the National Economic Action Council's executive director, will deliver the keynote address at the opening day on Oct 6, and later attend a question-and-answer session.

Panelists are drawn from the Government, financial, corporate and academic fields to share their knowledge and experience with the congress, which is jointly organised by ISIS and Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute.

They include Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, Economic Planning Unit director-general Datuk Dr Samsuddin Hitam, Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange executive chairman Datuk Mohd Azlan Hashim and Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers president Paul Low.

Noordin said at a Press conference in Kuala Lumpur that special workshops would also be held to address sectoral concerns.

The workshops particularly on "Property, construction and infrastructure" and "Manufacturing" are expected to churn out recommendations for new policy actions.

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